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Supporting Information

Practical heterogeneous photoredox/nickel dual catalysis for C-N and C-O coupling reactions

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1. General information

Unless otherwise noted, materials were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. All the solvents were treated according to standard methods.¹ Flash column chromatography was performed using 200-300 mesh silica gel. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on 400 or 600 MHz spectrophotometers. Chemical shifts (δ (ppm)) are reported in ppm from the resonance of tetramethyl silane as the internal standard (TMS: 0.00 ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, dd = doublet of doublets, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz) and integration. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on 100 MHz with complete proton decoupling spectrophotometers (CDCl₃: 77.0 ppm,).

2. Detailed Condition Optimization

	Br CdS (5 mol%) OMe NC + MeOH NiCl ₂ *6H ₂ O (6 mol%) OMe 1b 4a (excess) Et ₃ N (2.0 equiv.), DMA NC 5ba	
entry	variation from the standard conditions	yield $(\%)^b$
1°	none	96
2	no CdS	0
3	no NiCl ₂ .6H ₂ O	0
4	no dtbbpy	trace
5	no Et ₃ N	trace
6 ^c	in air	0
7	in the dark	0
8	MeCN instead of DMA	65
9	NiCl ₂ .glyme instead of NiCl ₂ .6H ₂ O	96
10	K ₂ CO ₃ instead of Et ₃ N	0
11	5.0 equiv. of MeOH	71

Table S1 Condition optimization for the C-O coupling of aryl bromides with alcohols^a

^{*a*}Conditions: **1b** (1.0 mmol), CdS (0.05 mmol, 5 mol%), NiCl₂•6H₂O (0.06 mmol, 6 mol%), dtbbpy (0.02 mmol, 2 mol%), MeOH (2.0 mL) and DMA (1.0 mL) under irradiation with 6 W blue LEDs. ^{*b*}Isolated yield of **5ba**.

NC	+ H ₂ O	CdS (20 mol%) NiCl ₂ .6H ₂ O (5 mol%)	NC
		DMA, 6 W blue LEDs 55 °C, 6 h	
1b , 1.0 mmol	10.0 eq.		6b
entry	variation of th	e standard conditions	yield (%) ^b
1	none		85
2	no CdS		0
3	no NiCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O		0
4	in air	0	
5	in the dark		0
6	MeCN instead of DMA		73
7	NiCl ₂ .glyme instead	86	
8	5 mol% dtbbpy as li	86	
9	at room temperature	0	

Table S2. Condition optimization for hydroxylation of aryl bromide^a

^{*a*}Reaction conditions: **1b** (1.0 mmol), water (10.0 mmol, 10.0 equiv), CdS (0.20 mmol, 20 mol%), NiCl₂·6H₂O (0.05 mmol, 5 mol%) and DMA (2.0 mL) under irradiation by 6 W blue LEDs. ^{*b*}Isolated yield.

3. General Procedure and Spectral Data of Products

3.1 General procedure 1: C-N coupling reaction

Aryl bromide (1.0 equiv.), amine (2.0 equiv.), CdS (20 mol%), NiCl₂· $6H_2O$ (5 mo%) and DMA (3 mL) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar. The mixture was treated with ultrasonic for 10s. Then it was subjected to the "freeze-pump-thaw" procedure for 2 times. After that, the reaction mixture was sitrred under the irradiation of a 6 W blue LEDs (distance ca. 5 cm), either under fan cooling (to maintain ambient temperature) or without fan cooling (to heat to approximately 55 °C). Upon the completion of reaction as monitored by TLC, the reaction mixture was diluted with water (10 mL) and extracted with Et_2O (3 × 15 mL). The organic extracts were washed with brine (10 mL) and the combined aqueous layers were extracted once more with Et_2O (10 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel using the indicated solvent system afforded the desired product.

3.2 General procedure 2: C-O coupling reaction

Aryl bromide (1.0 equiv.), CdS (5 mol%), NiCl₂· $6H_2O$ (6 mo%), dtbbpy (5 mol%), Et₃N (2.0 equiv.), MeOH (2.0 mL) and DMA (1.0 mL) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar. The mixture was treated with ultrasonic for 10s. Then it was subjected to the "freeze-pump-thaw" procedure for 2 times. After that, the reaction mixture was sitrred at room temperature under the irradiation of a 6 W blue LEDs (distance ca. 5 cm). Upon the completion of reaction as monitored by TLC, the reaction mixture was diluted with water (10 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (3 × 15 mL). The organic extracts were washed with brine (10 mL) and the combined aqueous layers were extracted once more with Et₂O (10 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel using the indicated solvent system afforded the desired product.

3.3 General procedure 3: hydroxylation reaction

Aryl bromide (1.0 equiv.), H₂O (10.0 equiv.), CdS (20 mol%), NiCl₂·6H₂O (5 mo%) and DMA (3 mL)were added to a 10 mL Schlenk flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar. The mixture was treated with ultrasonic for 10s. Then it was subjected to the "freeze-pump-thaw" procedure for 2 times. After that, the reaction mixture was sitrred under the irradiation of a 6 W blue LEDs (distance ca. 5 cm). The reaction vial was heated to roughly 55 °C by the blue LEDs without the use of a fan. Upon the completion of reaction as monitored by TLC, the reaction mixture was diluted with water (10 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (3 × 15 mL). The organic extracts were washed with brine (10 mL) and the combined aqueous layers were extracted once more with Et₂O (10 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel using the indicated solvent system afforded the desired product.

3.4 Spectral data of products

$1-(4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pyrrolidine~(3aa)^2$

Prepared according to general procedure 1 (rt): white solid, 178.2 mg, 83% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) δ = 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.32 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 4H), 2.03 (t, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 149.7, 126.3 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 125.3 (q, *J* = 268.2 Hz), 116.5 (q, *J* = 32.5 Hz), 110.8, 47.5, 25.4; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) -60.5 (s, 3F).

4-(Pyrrolidin-1-yl)benzonitrile (3ba)³



Prepared according to general procedure 1 (rt): white solid, 155 mg, 90% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.44 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.50 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.32 (t, J = 4.9 Hz, 4H), 2.05 (t, J = 4.9 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.2, 120.9, 111.3, 96.2, 47.3, 25.3.

(ppm) 149.8, 133.2, 120.9, 111.3, 96.2, 47.3, 25.3.

1-(4-(Pyrrolidin-1-yl)phenyl)ethanone (3ca)⁴



Prepared according to general procedure 1 (rt): white solid, 151 mg, 80% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.86 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.51 (d, J = 8.3Hz, 2H), 3.36 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 4H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.03 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 196.3, 150.9, 130.6, 124.8, 110.6, 47.5, 25.9, 25.4.

1-(4-Nitrophenyl)pyrrolidine (3da)⁵



Prepared according to general procedure 1 (rt): yellow solid, 119 mg, 62% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.10 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 2H), 6.45 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 2H), 3.40 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 4H), 2.08 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 151.8, 136.3, 126.3, 110.3, 47.8, 25.4.

Ethyl 4-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)benzoate (3ea)⁶



Prepared according to general procedure 1 (rt): white solid, 184 mg, 84% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.90 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.50 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.31 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.35 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 4H), 2.03 (t, J = 5.1 Hz, 4H),

1.36 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 167.1, 150.7, 131.2, 116.5, 110.5, 60.0, 47.4, 25.4, 14.4.

1-(4-(Methylsulfonyl)phenyl)pyrrolidine (3fa)⁷



Prepared according to general procedure 1 (rt): white solid, 216 mg, 96% yield. mp: 161-163 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.73 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.57 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 3.36 (t, J = 4.7 Hz, 4H), 3.00 (s, 3H), 2.06 (t, J = 5.1 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 150.8, 129.0, 124.8, 110.9, 47.5, 45.1, 25.3.

HRMS (ESI) for: $C_{11}H_{115}NO_2S [M + H]^+$: calcd: 226.0896, found: 226.0895.

5-(Pyrrolidin-1-yl)pyrimidine (3ga)⁸



Prepared according to general procedure 1 (rt): colorless oil, 146 mg, 98% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.55 (s, 1H), 8.05 (s, 2H), 3.32 (t, J = 4.7 Hz, 4H), 2.06 (t, J= 4.7 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 146.6, 141.1, 139.3, 46.8, 25.2.

3-(Pyrrolidin-1-yl)pyridine (3ha)⁴



Prepared according to general procedure 1 (rt): colorless oil, 141 mg, 95% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd, J = 8.3, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 4H), 2.02 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 143.6, 136.8, 134.3, 123.4, 117.6, 47.2, 25.3.

4-(Piperidin-1-yl)benzonitrile (3bb)⁹



Prepared according to general procedure 1 (rt): white solid, 174 mg, 93% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.46 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.33 (s, 4H), 1.66 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 153.4, 133.3, 120.3,

113.9, 98.5, 48.2, 25.1, 24.1.

4-(3,4-Dihydroisoquinolin-2(1H)-yl)benzonitrile (3bc)¹⁰



Prepared according to general procedure 1 (55 °C, and 2.0 equiv. of DBU): white solid, 215 mg, 92% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.52 (d, J = 8.5Hz, 2H), 7.24 - 7.18 (m, 4H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 3.63 (t, J =5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.99 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm)

152.1, 134.9, 133.5, 133.4, 128.1, 126.9, 126.5, 126.4, 120.4, 112.6, 98.6, 48.7, 44.5, 28.9.

4-(Isopentylamino)benzonitrile (3bd)



Prepared according to general procedure 1 (55 °C, and 2.0 equiv. of DBU): white solid, 177 mg, 94% yield. mp: 51-52 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

(ppm) 7.39 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.33 (s, 1H), 3.16 – 3.11 (m, 2H), 1.71 (dt, J = 13.3, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.52 (dd, J = 14.6, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 0.95 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 151.5, 133.5, 120.6, 111.9, 97.7, 41.2, 37.8, 25.7, 22.4. IR (in KBr): 2962, 2922, 2862, 2206, 1606, 1529, 1473, 1338, 1171, 823 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) for: C₁₂H₁₇N₂ [M + H]⁺: calcd: 189.1386, found: 189.1384.

4-((3,4-Dimethoxyphenethyl)amino)benzonitrile (3be)



Prepared according to general procedure 1 (55 °C, and 2.0 equiv. of DBU): white solid, 251 mg, 89% yield. mp: 119-120 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.41 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (dd, J = 32.8, 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 6.55 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.25 (d, J = 32.8, 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 6.55 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.25 (d, J = 32.8, 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 6.55 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.25 (d, J = 32.8, 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 6.55 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.25 (d, J = 32.8, 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 6.55 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.25 (d, J = 32.8, 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 6.55 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.25 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 4.25 (d, J

4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 6H), 3.42 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.87 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 151.0, 149.1, 147.8, 133.7, 130.8, 120.6, 120.4, 112.2, 111.8, 111.4, 98.7, 55.9, 55.8, 44.2, 34.6. IR (in KBr): 2938, 2837, 2362, 2208, 1605, 1519, 1460, 1337, 1220, 1119, 616 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) for: C₁₇H₁₉N₂O₂ [M + H]⁺: calcd: 283.1441, found: 283.1435.

4-((Furan-2-ylmethyl)amino)benzonitrile (3bf)¹¹

Prepared according to general procedure 1 (55 °C, and 2.0 equiv. of DBU): white solid, 186 mg, 94% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.42 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 0.7 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.34 – 6.33 (m, 1H), 6.25 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (s, 1H), 4.35 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 151.1, 150.6, 142.3, 133.6, 120.3, 112.4, 110.4, 107.5, 99.3, 40.4.

4-(Cyclohexylamino)benzonitrile (3bg)¹²



Prepared according to general procedure 1 (55 °C, and 2.0 equiv. of DBU): white solid, 145 mg, 73% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (s, 1H), 3.28 (s, 1H), 2.02 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz,

2H), 1.77 (dd, J = 9.8, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 1.66 (dd, J = 9.1, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 1.42 – 1.33 (m, 2H), 1.27 – 1.14 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 150.4, 133.6, 120.6, 112.2, 97.6, 51.1, 32.8, 25.6, 24.7.

4-((4,4-Difluorocyclohexyl)amino)benzonitrile (3bh)



150.0, 133.7, 123.6 (t, *J* = 241.2 Hz), 120.3, 112.4, 98.7, 49.0, 31.84 (t, *J* = 24.9 Hz), 28.3 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) -97.8 (dd, J = 1738.9, 239.3 Hz). IR (in KBr): 2953, 2206, 1601, 1522, 1347, 1175, 1123, 953, 821 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) for: $C_{13}H_{15}F_2N_2$ [M + H]⁺: calcd: 237.1198, found: 237.1195.

4-((4-Phenylbutan-2-yl)amino)benzonitrile (3bi)

Prepared according to general procedure 1 (55 °C, and 2.0 equiv. of DBU): colorless oil, 238 mg, 95% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.38 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.22 - 7.15 (m, 3H), 6.44 (d, J)NC = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.54 - 3.47 (m, 1H), 2.72 (dd, J = 14.5, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.91 - 1.79(m, 2H), 1.24 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 150.5, 141.3, 133.7, 128.5, 128.4, 126.1, 120.5, 112.3, 98.2, 47.4, 38.3, 32.3, 20.5. IR (in KBr): 2971, 2931, 2211, 1605, 1447, 1342, 1173, 826, 748, 702, 545 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) for: $C_{17}H_{19}N_2$ [M + H]⁺: calcd: 251.1543, found: 251.1539.

4-(Octan-2-ylamino)benzonitrile (3bj)



Prepared according to general procedure 1 (55 °C, and 2.0 equiv. of DBU): colorless oil, 193 mg, 83% yield, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.39 (dd, J = 8.3, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 6.52 (dd, J = 8.4, 5.7 Hz, 2H), 4.09 (dd, J = 77.9)7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (dt, J = 13.2, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.56 – 1.28 (m, 10H), 1.19 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 13.2, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.56 – 1.28 (m, 10H), 1.19 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 13.2, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.56 – 1.28 (m, 10H), 1.19 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 13.2, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.56 – 1.28 (m, 10H), 1.19 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 13.2, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.56 – 1.28 (m, 10H), 1.19 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 13.2, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.56 – 1.28 (m, 10H), 1.19 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 13.2, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.56 – 1.28 (m, 10H), 1.19 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 13.2, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.56 – 1.28 (m, 10H), 1.19 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 13.2, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.56 – 1.28 (m, 10H), 1.19 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 13.2, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.56 – 1.28 (m, 10H), 1.19 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 13.2, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.56 – 1.28 (m, 10H), 1.19 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 13.2, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.56 – 1.28 (m, 10H), 1.19 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 13.2, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.56 – 1.28 (m, 10H), 1.19 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 13.2, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.56 – 1.28 (m, 10H), 1.19 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 13.2, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.56 – 1.28 (m, 10H), 1.19 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 13.2, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.56 – 1.28 (m, 10H), 1.19 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 13.2, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.56 – 1.28 (m, 10H), 1.19 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 13.2, 1.50 (t, J = 1

6.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 150.7, 133.8, 120.6, 112.2, 97.9, 48.2, 36.9, 31.8, 29.2, 26.0, 22.6, 20.5, 14.0. IR (in KBr): 2931, 2857, 2216, 1609, 1526, 1458, 1338, 1168, 830, 541 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) for: $C_{15}H_{23}N_2$ [M + H]⁺: calcd: 231.1856, found: 231.1854.

4-(Allylamino)benzonitrile (3bk)⁴

Prepared according to general procedure 1 (55 °C, and 2.0 equiv. of DBU): colorless oil, 128 mg, 81% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.42 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.57 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.03 - 5.77 (m, 1H), 5.25 (dd, J = 24.9

Hz, 13.7, 2H), 4.39 (s, 1H), 3.82 (t, J = 5.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 151.0, 133.7, 133.6, 120.4, 117.0, 112.3, 98.8, 45.6.

4-((2,2-Dimethoxyethyl)amino)benzonitrile (3bl)



Prepared according to general procedure 1 (55 °C, and 2.0 equiv. of DBU): colorless oil, 198 mg, 96% yield. mp: 61-62 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.42 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.59 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.55 (t, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (s, 1H), 3.42 (s, 6H), 3.29 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 151.0, 133.6, 120.3, 112.3, 102.0, 98.9, 54.0, 44.5. IR (in KBr): 2916, 2207, 1609, 1522, 1478, 1340, 1127, 1070, 973, 822, 618 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) for: C₁₁H₁₅N₂O₂ [M + H]⁺: calcd: 207.1128, found: 207.1127.

4-((3-Hydroxypropyl)amino)benzonitrile (3bm)

Prepared according to general procedure 1 (55 °C, and 2.0 equiv. of DBU): white solid, 160 mg, 91% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.41 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.56 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 3.32 (t, J =6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.90 (p, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 1.63 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 151.5, 133.6, 120.6, 112.1, 98.0, 61.0, 40.9, 31.2. IR (in KBr): 3299, 2935, 2838, 2218, 1610, 1531, 1344, 1117, 830, 618 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) for: C₁₀H₁₃N₂O [M + H]⁺: calcd: 177.1022, found: 177.1022.

4-((2-(1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)amino)benzonitrile (3bn)

Prepared according to general procedure 1 (55 °C, and 2.0 equiv. of DBU): white solid, 256 mg, 98% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 3H), 7.24 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.29 (s, 1H), 3.48 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.08 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 151.2, 136.4, 133.6, 127.2, 122.3, 122.1, 120.6, 119.6, 118.5, 112.5, 112.2, 111.4, 98.4, 43.1, 24.8. IR (in KBr): 2204, 1602, 1528, 1341, 1174, 1110, 827, 752, 620 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) for: C17H16N3 [M + H]⁺: calcd: 262.1339, found: 262.1337.

Methyl 4-(4-methylphenylsulfonamido)benzoate (3io)¹³

Prepared according to general procedure 1 (55 °C, and 2.0 equiv. of DBU): white solid, 245 mg, 90% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.91 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 166.4, 143.5, 142.2, 136.5, 130.7, 129.5, 127.0, 125.0, 118.4, 51.8, 21.3.

4-Methoxybenzonitrile (5ba)¹⁴



Prepared according to general procedure 2: white solid, 132 mg, 99% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.59 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 162.8, 134.0, 119.2, 114.7, 103.9, 55.5.

Deuterated 4-methoxybenzonitrile (5bb)¹⁴



Prepared according to general procedure 2: white solid, 95 mg, 70% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.58 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 162.8, 133.9, 119.2, 114.7, 103.8, 54.7 (dt, J =

44.0, 22.1 Hz).

1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)ethanone (5ca)¹⁴



Prepared according to general procedure 2: white solid, 138 mg, 92% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.94 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.56 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 196.8, 163.4, 130.5, 130.3, 113.6, 55.4, 26.3.

Ethvl 4-methoxybenzoate (5ea)¹⁴



Prepared according to general procedure 2: white solid, 128 mg, 98% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm), 8.00 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.35 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 1.38 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 166.4, 163.2, 131.5, 122.9, 113.5, 60.69, 55.4, 14.3.

1-Methoxy-4-(methylsulfonyl)benzene (5fa)¹⁵



Prepared according to general procedure 2: white solid, 174 mg, 93% yield, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm). 7.87 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.04 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 163.6, 132.2,

129.5, 114.4, 55.7, 44.8.

4-Methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl (5ja)¹⁶

OMe



Prepared according to general procedure 2: white solid, 128 mg, 98% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm). 7.56-7.51 (m, 4H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, J =7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

(ppm) 159.1, 140.8, 133.7, 128.7, 128.1, 126.7, 126.6, 114.2, 55.3.

1-(3-Methoxyphenyl)ethanone (5ka)¹⁷



Prepared according to general procedure 2: colorless oil, 160 mg, 97% yield. ¹H NMR OMe (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm). 7.54 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.12 - 7.10 (m, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.60 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 197.9, 159.7, 138.4, 129.5, 121.1, 119.6, 112.2, 55.4, 26.7.

5-Methoxyisobenzofuran-1(3H)-one (5la)¹⁸



149.3, 127.2, 118.0, 116.5, 105.9, 69.1, 55.8.

2-Methoxynaphthalene (5ma)¹⁹



Prepared according to general procedure 2: white solid, 157 mg, 99% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm). 7.81 – 7.68 (m, 3H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

(ppm) 157.5, 134.5, 129.4, 128.9, 127.6, 126.7, 126.4, 123.6, 118.7, 105.6, 55.3.

3-Methoxyquinoline (5na)²⁰



Prepared according to general procedure 2: colorless oil, 154 mg, 97% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm). 8.68 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 153.0, 144.6, 143.5, 129.1, 128.8, 127.0, 126.6, 126.6, 112.1, 55.4.

4-Ethoxybenzonitrile (5bc)¹⁴



Prepared according to general procedure 2: white solid, 142 mg, 97% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.58 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.08 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.44 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8 115 1 103 6 63 9 14 5

162.2, 133.9, 119.3, 115.1, 103.6, 63.9, 14.5.

4-(Pentyloxy)benzonitrile (5bd)²¹



NC

Prepared according to general procedure 2: colorless oil, 166 mg, 88% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.57 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.99 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.84 – 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.48 – 1.34 (m, 4H), 0.94 (t, J

= 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 162.4, 133.9, 119.3, 115.1, 103.6, 68.4, 28.6, 28.0, 22.3, 13.9.

Ethyl 4-methoxybenzoate (5be)²²



(q, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 160.2, 134.2, 122.8 (q, J = 278.0 Hz), 118.5, 115.4, 106.1, 65.5 (q, J = 36.3 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) -73.8 (s, 3F).

4-(Benzyloxy)benzonitrile (5bf)²³

Prepared according to general procedure 2: white solid,194 mg, 93% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm). 7.58 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.11 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 161.9, 135.6, 134.0, 128.7, 128.4, 127.4, 119.1, 115.5, 104.1, 70.2.

4-(Furan-2-ylmethoxy)benzonitrile (5bg)²⁴



Prepared according to general procedure 2: white solid, 191 mg, 96% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm). 7.59 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.48 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (dd, J = 3.1, 1.8

Hz, 1H), 5.05 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 161.4, 148.9, 143.5, 133.9, 119.1, 115.4, 110.7, 110.6, 104.4, 62.34.

4-Isopropoxybenzonitrile (5bh)²⁵

Prepared according to general procedure 2: colorless oil, 87 mg, 54% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm). 7.56 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 4.62 (hept, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 1.36 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 161.9, 135.6, 134.0, 128.7, 128.4, 127.4, 119.1, 115.5, 104.1, 70.2.

4-Hydroxybenzonitrile (6b)²⁶



Prepared according to general procedure 3: white solid, 101 mg, 85% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm). 7.56 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 160.4, 134.3, 119.2, 116.5, 102.7.

Ethyl 4-hydroxybenzoate (6e)²⁶



Prepared according to general procedure 3: white solid, 145 mg, 87% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm). 7.96 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.36 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

(ppm) 167.5, 160.7, 131.9, 122.0, 115.3, 61.2, 14.2.

4. Reusability of CdS.



Figure S1. Reusability of CdS. (a) Before and (b) after the C-N coupling reaction, (c) the catalyst settles down and is attracted, and (d) the yield of product **3aa** with the use of recycled photocatalyst CdS.

5. Unsuitable examples



Figure S2. Selected examples of unsuitable aryl bromides in the C-N coupling conditions.

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7. Copies of ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR Spectra





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